

Interested in pursuing a Ph.D. in Kinesiology while doing research in physical activity epidemiology?

Do you have experience with children/youth in sport and physical activity settings?

Dr. Zan Gao in the School of Kinesiology at University of Minnesota-Twin Cities is recruiting up to two graduate research assistants (GRAs) beginning Fall 2013. These positions are eligible for renewal, contingent on scholastic and academic performance. The GRAs will work at the Physical Activity Epidemiology Laboratory (<http://cehd.umn.edu/Kin/research/epi>).

Responsibilities: The successful GRAs will complete graduate coursework and fulfill all program requirements in the emphasis area of Behavioral Aspects of Physical Activity. In addition, the GRAs will conduct laboratory- and field-based physical activity epidemiology research under Dr. Gao's guidance, including a federally funded population-based intervention project.

Required Qualifications: Earned Bachelors (Masters preferred) in Kinesiology or related field, and full admission to the Kinesiology graduate program at the University of Minnesota is required. The applicant should have experience in conducting research and/or working with children and youth in sport and/or physical activity settings.

Preferred Qualifications: (a) strong work ethic; (b) enthusiastic; (c) ability to write research manuscripts and abstracts; (d) experience with accelerometer/pedometer and interview data collection and analysis; (e) experience working with population-based physical activity interventions.

Stipend and Benefits:

The GRA will receive a stipend of \$13,523 for the 9-month academic year appointment, with additional \$15,400 covering tuition and health benefits. Summer teaching assignment will also be possible.

Application Procedures:

To receive the fullest consideration for the GRA positions, the following materials must be sent directly to Dr. Zan Gao no later than December 15, 2012: (a) letter of application that specifically addresses interest in and/or experience with physical activity epidemiology research; (b) resume; and (c) names and contact information of at least three references.

For more information about the positions, applicants may contact:

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University/Unit Description

Located in the culturally diverse cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul, the University of Minnesota offers unique opportunities for research, teaching and public engagement. The University is a hub for creativity, research, artistic expression, critical thinking, and debate about the world's most pressing issues such as climate change, poverty, and health care. Further information about the U of M can be found at www.umn.edu/twincities/about.php and on the Relocation Assistance Program site, <http://www1.umn.edu/ohr/rap/>.

The School of Kinesiology at the University of Minnesota has a rich tradition of exceptional scholarship and academic excellence. Our research supports the interdisciplinary study of the physiological, biological, developmental, social and behavioral bases of exercise and human movement. Faculty are committed to excellence in research, teaching, and service as they strive to understand the impact of physical activity across the lifespan on health, disease and the society as a whole. The School of Kinesiology serves over 400 undergraduate majors, most of whom strive toward careers in allied health fields, and nearly 400 graduate and professional students who focus their scholarship and teaching in movement science, social and behavioral science, sport management, and exercise physiology. The School is proud of its longstanding history in the field and is visible in all aspects of campus activities. Complete information on the School can be found on the website, www.cehd.umn.edu/kin.

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